The 8 Wastes

To remember The 8 Wastes, you can use the acronym "DOWNTIME."

D — DEFECTS
Efforts caused by rework, scrap, and incorrect information.

O — OVERPRODUCTION
Production that is more than needed or before it is needed.

W — WAITING
Wasted time waiting for the next step in a process.

N — NON-UTILIZED TALENT
Underutilizing talents, skills, & knowledge.

T — TRANSPORTATION
Unnecessary movements of products & materials.

I — INVENTORY
Excess products and materials not being processed.

M — MOTION
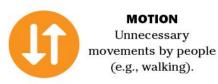Unnecessary movements by people (e.g., walking).

E — EXTRA-PROCESSING
More work or higher quality than is required by the customer.